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Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff



Admiral Giambastiani serves as the [Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff](#). In this capacity, he is a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Nation's second highest ranking military officer. Admiral Giambastiani is the seventh officer to hold the position.

As the Vice Chairman, Admiral Giambastiani serves as the chairman of the Joint Requirements Oversight Council, Vice Chairman of the Defense Acquisition Board, and as a member of the National Security Council Deputies Committee and the Nuclear Weapons Council. In addition, he acts for the Chairman in all aspects of the Planning, Programming and Budgeting System to include participating in meetings of the Defense Resources Board.



Admiral Giambastiani's assignments have included several in which he was responsible for development of new technologies and experimental processes. Early sea assignments included USS PUFFER (SSN 652) and USS FRANCIS SCOTT KEY (SSBN 657) (BLUE). While assigned to PUFFER, he was a 1973 winner of the Fleet Commander's Junior Officer Submarine Shiphandling Competition. He commanded SUBMARINE NR-1, the Navy's only nuclear powered deep diving ocean engineering and research submarine and USS RICHARD B. RUSSELL (SSN 687) where the crew was awarded three consecutive Battle Efficiency "E"s, three Navy Unit Commendations, and two Fleet Commander Silver Anchors for excellence in enlisted retention.

Admiral Giambastiani also led Submarine Development Squadron Twelve, an attack submarine squadron that serves as the Navy's Warfare Center of Excellence for submarine doctrine and tactics. Established in 1949, Submarine Development Squadron Twelve is the oldest experimental unit of its kind in the U.S. military. He also served as the first director of strategy and concepts at the Naval Doctrine Command, as well as Commander, Atlantic Fleet Submarine Force; Commander, Submarines Allied Command Atlantic; and Commander, Anti-Submarine and Reconnaissance Forces Atlantic in Norfolk, Virginia.

Admiral Giambastiani's other shore and staff assignments include duties as an enlisted program manager on the staff of the Navy Recruiting Command Headquarters, Washington, DC, in the early days of the all volunteer force; Special Assistant to the Deputy Director for Intelligence, Central Intelligence Agency; and, a one-year fellowship with the Chief of Naval Operations' Strategic Studies Group. As a flag officer, he served as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Resources, Warfare Requirements and Assessments for the Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet; Director of the Submarine Warfare Division on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations; Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Resources, Requirements, and Assessments (OPNAV N8); and as the Senior Military Assistant to Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld. His last assignment was as NATO's first Supreme Allied Commander Transformation (SACT) and the Commander, United States Joint Forces Command (CDRUSJFCOM) where he led the transformation of NATO and U.S. military structures, forces, capabilities and doctrines.

A native of Canastota, New York, Admiral Giambastiani graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy with leadership distinction in 1970. He has been awarded numerous decorations but is most proud of his Joint Meritorious Unit Award, eight Battle Efficiency E's, five Navy Unit Commendations, and five Navy Meritorious Unit Commendations because they recognize the participation and accomplishments of the entire team.

http://www.defenselink.mil/bios/giambastianijr_bio.html